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1. LIBERAL PARTY WON FIVE OF 55 SEATS IN B.C. PROVINCIAL
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN 1972 IN FACE OF 38 SEATS FOR NDP.
)-53 *48\$-6, MAY 9, 1975, AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS SEMI-PUBLIC
MANEUVERING, TWO OF LIBERAL MLAS (MCGEER AND WILLIAMS) QUIT
LIBERAL PARTY TO SIT AS "INDEPENDENTS," AND A THIRD LIBERAL
MLA (GARDOM) MAY BE NOT FAR BEHIND. LEADER DAVID ANDERSON
AND GORDON GIBSON HAVE PRONOUNCED CONTINUING ALLEGIANCE
LIBERAL PAJTY WHICH ASUURES UT WILL RETAIN MINIMUM TWICE AS
MANY VOTES IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AS CONSERVATIVE PARTY
WHOSE LEADER, SCOTT WALLACE, IS ENTIRE CAUCUS.

2. LONG-TERM EFFECT OF THESE EVENTS ON PROVINCIAL POLITICS,
PARTICULARLY IN REGARD DEVELOPMENT STRONG AND CONSOLIDATED
ANTI-NDP FORCE, CANNOT YET BE MEASURED OR SENSIBLY ESTIMATED.

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